(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) In order to regulate ground water withdrawal by industries including aerated drink manufacturers, Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA), constituted under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, had circulated a list of critical areas to State Pollution Control Boards, Ministry of Environment & Forests etc. which refer proposals of new industries to CGWA for obtaining No Objection Certificate (NOC) before issuing permission. Depending upon the availability of ground water and site specific scientific considerations in such areas, NOC is granted by the CGWA on case to case basis. A pre-condition for such permission is the mandatory adoption of rain water harvesting system for ground water recharge by the industry.

(c) No memoranda have been received by the Ministry of Water Resources from State Governments in this regard.

(d) Does not arise.

Non-Payment of Salaries to Employees of NPCC

†2263. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that thousands of field unit employees of National Project Construction Corporation (NPCC) who have not been paid their salaries and other payments for the last eighteen to twenty months;

(b) whether it is a fact that children of these employees have left their study in between due to non-payment of salaries to them;

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to pay arrears of salaries to these employees of NPCC at the earliest; and

(d) the steps Government would take to ensure regular payment of salary to these employees in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (d) Due to closure of some units of NPCC Limited disbursal of salary is pending for the last

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3-22 months. Ministry is not aware of any instance where children of NPCC Limited employee have left their studies in between due to non-payment of salary. An amount of Rs. 15.80 crores as a loan assistance has been allotted in BE 2005-06 (Non-Plan) to NPCC Limited to clear backlog of outstanding unpaid salary/wages to its employees of non-performing units, out which Rs. 11 crores have been released so far. Also Rs. 15.80 crores has been proposed in BE 2006-07 as loan assistance to clear backlog of outstanding unpaid salary/wages to employees of NPCC Limited.

Irrigation Facilities under Bharat Nirman Yojna

†2264. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to provide irrigation facilities for the additional one crore hectare of land under Bharat Nirman Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have since received the action plans in this regard which was sought from various States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the details of amount expected to be spent on it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Creation of irrigation potential of one crore hectare over a period of four years is one of the components of "Bharat Nirman" programme which includes (a) 4.2 Million hectare (Mha) through completion of identified on-going major and medium projects, (b) 2.8 Mha by minor irrigation schemes, (c) 1.0 Mha by enhancing the utilization by extension, renovation, and modernization (ERM) of major & medium projects, (d) 1.0 Mha through repair, renovation restoration of water bodies and ERM of minor irrigation schemes and (e) 1.0 Mha by new schemes for ground water development for irrigation in areas with unutilized ground water potential (primarily for benefit of small and marginal farmers and tribals and dalits).

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Water Resources requested the State Governments to furnish necessary details in respect of the identified irrigation projects/schemes proposed to be covered under Bharat Nirman.

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